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SUBJECT: CALL OF SUDAN MINISTER OF EDUCATION MANSUR  
KHALID AND AMBASSADOR DENG ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
SEELYE: POSSIBLE PRIVATE VISIT BY PRESIDENT NIMEIRI

1. ON APRIL 28 SUDANESE AMBASSADOR DENG AND THE SUDANESE  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION KHALID CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY TALCOTT SEELYE TO DISCUSS PRIVATE VISIT OF  
PRESIDENT NIMEIRI TO WASHINGTON IN JUNE. DENG ASKED IF  
THERE HAD BEEN ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS. SEELYE RECALLED THAT  
SECRETARY HAD TOLD DENG THAT HE WAS SYMPATHETIC TO IDEA  
OF PRESIDENT FORD'S RECEIVING PRESIDENT NIMEIRI IN CONNEC-  
TION WITH ANY PRIVATE VISIT, AND THAT HE WOULD RAISE SUBJECT  
WITH PRESIDENT. BECAUSE SECRETARY HAD BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH  
HIS AFRICAN VISIT, HE HAD NOT YET HAD TIME TO FOLLOW UP.  
WHEN THE SECRETARY RETURNS FROM AFRICA, HOWEVER, AN  
INITIATIVE WOULD BE TAKEN.

2. DENG STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED IN HIS PART OF  
THE WORLD TO THE KIND OF RECEPTION A CHIEF OF STATE GETS.  
SEELYE EXPLAINED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STATE AND PRIVATE VISIT  
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AND EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI WOULD RECEIVE

A WARM WELCOME IN WASHINGTON, A PRIVATE VISIT WOULD NOT INVOLVE ANY STATE CEREMONIAL. AMBASSADOR DENG SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S TRIP WAS NOT A STATE

VISIT AND THAT RITUALS APPROPRIATE TO SUCH A VISIT WOULD NOT BE SCHEDULED. HOWEVER, DENG INSISTED THAT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT OF A VISIT WOULD AFFECT U.S.-SUDANESE RELATIONS FOR GOOD OR ILL. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI AND OTHER OFFICIALS WILL CONTRAST THEIR RECEPTION HERE WITH THAT GIVEN THEM IN OTHER CAPITALS. WHILE CHIEFS OF STATE WHO VISIT THE UNITED STATES MORE FREQUENTLY MIGHT BE ACCUSTOMED TO THE INFORMALITY OF A PRIVATE VISIT, THIS VISIT TAKES PLACE IN CONTEXT OF THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR DENG PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR SENIOR OFFICIALS AT WELCOMING CEREMONIES AND SAID THAT QUESTIONS OF FORM COULD NOT HELP BUT BECOME QUESTIONS OF SUBSTANCE. HE ASKED ABOUT PARTICIPATION OF THE SECRETARY AND THE VICE PRESIDENT IN VISIT. HE SAID THAT IF HE HAD HAD ANY DOUBT ABOUT SUCCESS OF VISIT, HE WOULD HAVE RECOMMENDED AGAINST IT.

3. SEELYE REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEM VERY WELL BUT THAT WASHINGTON WAS A VERY BUSY CITY AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAD A VERY CROWDED SCHEDULE. FURTHERMORE, IT IS NOT NORMAL PRACTICE OF CHIEFS OF STATE TO BE MET AT AIRPORT AT SECRETARY OF STATE LEVEL IN CONNECTION WITH PRIVATE VISITS. THEREFORE, NO SUCH GREETING COULD BE GUARANTEED. AS FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT, SEELYE SAID THAT HE GENERALLY APPEARS AS SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PRESIDENT. SEELYE RECOMMENDED THAT ALL OF THIS BE CAREFULLY EXPLAINED TO PRESIDENT NIMEIRI SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MISUNDERSTANDINGS SHOULD THE VISIT BE SET UP. HE RECOMMENDED THAT IF SUDANESE GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO HAVE DOUBTS, IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO POSTPONE ANY POSSIBLE VISIT UNTIL MUCH LATER WHEN, ONCE RELATIONS ARE FULLY NORMALIZED, WE COULD EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF OFFICIAL VISIT. THIS, OF COURSE, WOULD DEPEND ON MANY FACTORS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE.

4. MINISTER KHALID REPLIED THAT THE VISIT COULD WAIT,  
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BUT VISIT ALSO IMPORTANT AS ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE IN THE SUDAN WHO HAVE WORKED FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI HAD NOT BEEN QUICK TO AGREE TO THE VISIT AND IF IT DID NOT TAKE PLACE, OTHERS NOT COMMITTED TO BETTER U.S.-SUDAN RELATIONS MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT.

SEELYE REASSURED DENG AND KHALID THAT WE WERE PREOCCUPIED IN STRENGTHENING OUR TIES WITH THE SUDAN AND APPRECIATED '

SUDANESE ASSISTANCE IN RELEASING THE TWO AMERICANS HELD  
CAPTIVE BY THE ERITREAN REBELS.

5. AMBASSADOR DENG ASKED IF WE COULD HELP WITH  
INTERNAL AIR TRANSPORTATION. SEELYE SAID THAT WE COULD  
HELP PUT SUDANESE IN TOUCH WITH CHARTER COMPANIES.  
AMBASSADOR DENG SAID THE PRESIDENT WOULD PROBABLY TRAVEL  
WITH A PARTY OF 24. SINCE THEY WERE PLANNING TO ARRIVE ON  
JUNE 9 AND NEEDED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE VARIOUS  
STATES, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE WORK BEGIN NOW SINCE  
WASHINGTON WAS THE FIRST STOP.

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